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SUBJ: PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF EXPERT WORKING GROUPS AND
THE MEDITERRANEAN DRAFTING GROUP

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1. AT FEB 5 POLADS FOUR DELEGATIONS (BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLANDS AND NORWAY) ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF SPRING MEETINGS OF EXPERT WORKING GROUPS (SEE REFTEL). NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED AS ALL OTHERS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. COMMITTEE WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT ON FEB 12. REQUEST TIMELY GUIDANCE.

2. RE SPRING MEETING OF MEDITERRANEAN DRAFTING GROUP, CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES POSED BY HYPOTHETICAL APRIL MINISTERIAL AND NOTED CONTINUING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES POSED BY ONGOING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. CHAIRMAN ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO PREPARE A SOMEWHAT ABRIDGED FIRST DRAFT MED REPORT TO BE CONSIDERED AT A MEDITERRANEAN DRAFTING GROUP MEETING DURING THE WEEK MAR 11-15. IN VIEW OF TRUNCATED TIMEFRAME AND ONGOING MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS POLADS, AGREED TO I.S. EXERCISING JUDGEMENT ON REVISED FORMAT OF FIRST DRAFT. NOTING THAT PLANS FOR MARCH MED GROUP MEETING WOULD BE FOLLOWED ONLY SO LONG AS AN APRIL MINISTERIAL WAS A POSSIBILITY, POLADS AGREED TO REPORT REACTIONS TO MAR 11-15 DATES NEXT WEEK. MISSION
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